



*Placer County*

## **Wastewater Advisory Committee**

County Environmental Health ♦ 3091 County Center Dr. Suite

180 ♦ Auburn, CA 95603

# MINUTES

June 1, 2010

CDRA Cypress Room

### **Call to Order**

A. Rick Bluhm called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **I. Preliminary Items**

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum, Joe Olsen, Rick Bluhm, Kevin Bell, Mark Navo, Guy Ostenson, Bill Carpenter, David Honeycutt, Mike Broyer, Chris White, Dave Buck, Ken Denio were present. Tibor Banathy and Marc Lindbloom were absent. A quorum was established.
2. Introduction of Guests  
Rick McCauley, attended as a guest. Leslie Lindbo, Mohan Ganapathy Diana Angus attended the meeting representing Environmental Health.
3. Minutes Review  
Guy Ostenson made a motion to approve the March 2010 minutes as written and Mike Broyer seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor and no opposing votes.
4. Agenda Review  
There was a request to add discussion of the time frame to have septic tanks pumped. via email so a determination can be made. Various current practices were brought up and. Environmental Health Services tends to recommend 3-5 years and will check the current handout and determine if some revisions can be made.

### **II. Action Items**

1. Discuss Draft Onsite Sewage manual Chapter 24. Supplemental Treatment  
Bill Carpenter and Guy Ostenson abstained from voting since they may have a conflict of interest.  
Since Environmental Health Services is short staffed, it is proposed that we have an NSF approval/listing for supplemental treatment systems program. In addition to discussion on methods to determine effluent quality other than lab testing, methods could include visual clarity and odor.  
The NSF 360 program was discussed. Proponents shall submit 100 sites to NSF and NSF will pick 25 sites. These 25 sites will be sampled four times per year (every three months).

NSF will then present a report with the data only. There will not be a pass/fail determination.

This report can then be presented to other counties by the proponent.

Rick Bluhm requested a definition for supplemental treatment.

It was discussed that a change in language should be made to state “modification to treatment process” instead of “modification to originally approved design”. Rick McCauley stated that a two year experimental program is good since it shows the product is backed by its service provider over the long term. Bill Carpenter suggested having bond requirements for systems so that if the service provider defaults on the contract, the County can use bond money to service the system.

The committee discussed that the experimental systems currently in the program can re-apply to be evaluated under the new proposed supplemental treat program. There was also discussion on the NSF standard 40 requirements and the necessity for systems coming into the County .

The committee discussed NSF standard 40 requirements for systems coming into the County are necessary. NSF 360 was discussed in depth. The County can set its own standard similar to NSF 360 and require the proponent to go through those standards. Statistics still would be required by the statistician.

### **III. Non-Action Items**

Legislative Update (Standing Item)

Discussion of tank pumping timeframe, should it be changed from advising it is done every 3-5 years to advising that a service provider should evaluate it if a home owner questions it. It was suggested that Environmental Health Services provide an informative handout at the front counter.

### **IV. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting**

- Date: September 7, 2010
- Location: Cypress room at the CDRC
- Time: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

#### **Proposed Action Items:**

- There were no proposed action items.

#### **Proposed Non-Action Items:**

- There were no proposed non-action items.

### **V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM